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SUBJECT: CULTURAL PRESENTATIONS (CU/ARTS): DRAMA GROUP FOR 1975

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1. EMBASSY URGENTLY REQUESTS DEPARTMENT PROCEED WITH NOMINATION
DRAMA GROUP UNDER DISCUSSION FOR SEPTEMBER 1975. CONTINUED
DELAYS SERIOUSLY DISTURBING MINISTRY OF CULTURE AND GOSKONT-
SERT AND UNDERMINING EMBASSY'S NEGOTIATING POSITION. TIME
LEFT TO PREPARE FOR COMPLEX THEATER TOUR, CONSIDERING THAT
THEATERS WILL BE CLOSED AND OFFICIALS ON LEAVE DURING SUMMER,
IS NOW SO SHORT AS ALMOST TO INSURE EXCESSIVE AND UNNECESSARY
TOUR PROBLEMS.

2. ADVANCE PERSON OR TEAM MUST RPT MUST ARRIVE HERE BEFORE
JUNE. SINCE HOTELS, THEATERS, AND OFFICIALS WILL BE TIED UP
WITH EXTENSIVE WW II VICTORY CELEBRATIONS IN MAY, RECOMMEND
ADVANCE TEAM COME IN APRIL (AVOIDING CONFLICT WITH ST. PAUL
ADVANCE TEAM ARRIVAL APRIL 21).

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3. PER LAST SENTENCE, PARA 1, REFTEL (A): GOSKONTSERT

OFFICIAL RECALLS GOLOVIN SAW A.C.T. PERFORMANCE IN 1973,
BUT FEELS IT WILL BE DESIRABLE TO SEND REPRESENTATIVE SEE
PLAYS TO BE PRESENTED IN USSR. COMMENT: SINCE A.C.T.
REPUTATION ALREADY KNOWN TO MINCULT, WE EXPECT THIS REVIEW
WILL NOT DELAY ACCEPTANCE OF NOMINATION, PRELIMINARY
NEGOTIATIONS AND ADVANCE VISIT.
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